REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the title, specification and claims.

Claims 1-63 are pending in the application. Claims 38, 40, 42, 54, 56, 58, 60 and 61 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Of the remaining claims, those originally written as "use" claims, have now been converted to method claims. The remaining claims have been amended to place them in more appropriate form for U.S. practice. None of the claim amendments adds any new matter to the application.

The specification has been amended to add Section Headings and a cross-reference to related applications. No new matter has been added.

Entry of this Amendment into the file of the application is respectfully requested. Upon such entry, claims 1-37, 39, 41, 43-53, 55, 57, 59 and 62-63, as amended, will remain pending in the application.

Applicants attach hereto a paper copy of the Sequence Listing in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R §1.821, a computer diskette containing a copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form, and a Statement In Accordance With 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f).
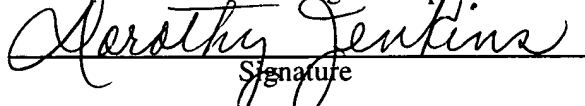
Applicants have hereinabove amended the specification to insert sequence identifiers as necessary and add the attached Sequence Listing as pages 51A-51J into the subject application. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification contain no new matter, and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.
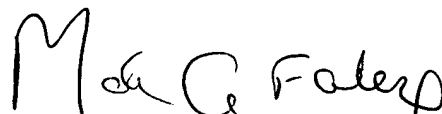
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